



House of Representatives

File No. 655

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6362
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 9, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF HIV AND AIDS PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall conduct an evaluation of the current system of HIV and
3 AIDS programs, and shall develop a plan for improvements to such
4 system. The commissioner shall assemble all interested parties for
5 purposes of the evaluation and recommendations, including, but not
6 limited to, (1) the Commissioners of Social Services, Correction and
7 Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Secretary of the Office
8 of Policy and Management, or their designees, (2) representatives from
9 a needle exchange program, the Connecticut Positive Action Coalition,
10 the Connecticut AIDS Residence Coalition, the Harm Reduction
11 Coalition, the Connecticut HIV Prevention Community Planning
12 Group, the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, the Ryan
13 White Title I Planning Councils, a federally qualified health center,
14 community-based organizations with a focus on Latinos, African-
15 Americans and youth, and the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on
16 AIDS, and (3) persons living with HIV or AIDS.

17 (b) The evaluation prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this
18 section shall develop an integrated HIV and AIDS prevention services
19 and care plan to: (1) Examine programs in various state agencies to
20 ensure that (A) there is no duplication of services, (B) the best service
21 delivery system is in place, and (C) the best standard of care is being
22 practiced in all state agency programs; (2) determine how state dollars
23 are allocated to HIV and AIDS programs and services; (3) develop and
24 recommend cost-effective legislation or administrative regulations, or
25 both, for programs, policies or procedures that help people living with
26 HIV and AIDS and help to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS; and
27 (4) review and integrate into the HIV and AIDS prevention service and
28 care plan funding recommendations made by the Ryan White Title I
29 Planning Councils and the Connecticut HIV Prevention Community
30 Planning Group.

31 (c) On or before January 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Public Health
32 shall submit a report on the evaluation and any recommendations to
33 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
34 cognizance of matters relating to public health, appropriations and the
35 budgets of state agencies and human services, in accordance with
36 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Departments of Public Health, Social Services, Correction, Mental Health and Addiction Services; Office of Policy and Management	General Fund - Cost	None	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

It is anticipated that the Department of Public Health will be able to coordinate the HIV/AIDS evaluation and planning effort and submit a report on the same by January 1, 2005, without requiring additional resources.

It is anticipated that representatives of various state and local agencies will participate to the extent that their respective resources allow.

House "A" changes the date by which DPH must submit the required report from January 1, 2004, to January 1, 2005. Extending the reporting deadline in this manner will allow the agency to utilize in-house staff instead of relying upon consultant services and thus eliminates a \$25,000 cost associated with the original bill. The amendment makes other changes that have no associated fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB-6362 (As Amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts..

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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